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Snider Development plans on building a third phase of their low-income housing that will include two new buildings. These housing options will not be available for Northwest Missouri State students unless they meet certain qualifications.

New low-income housing to break ground in Maryville

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Snider Development is planning to build two more low-income housing units. The project is hoping to be funded through a federal tax credit. The plans involve two buildings with 16 units in each. The buildings will have a mix of 12 two-bedroom and four three-bedroom units. They will range between 937 square feet and 1,252 square feet. The development area will also include a dog park and a playground. Snider Development has already built two phases of low-income housing units on Volunteer Ave. This housing will not be available for Northwest

Missouri State University students unless they are married. Representative of Snider Development Pete Ramsel was at the Aug. 22 Maryville City Council meeting where he updated the council on their progress for the new low-income housing. City Council passed a resolution of support back in 2021. Even though Ramsel lives in St. Joseph, he has a close connection to Maryville. He started graduate school in 1969 at Northwest before he was drafted to go to Vietnam. Development has not started because they are waiting to receive a federal tax credit to help ease the cost of construction. In the 1986 Tax Reform Act, Congress created the low-income housing tax credit. This credit allowed

large companies to invest in the development of property as long as that property houses tenants that live under one of three different qualifications. The first of the qualifications that can be met is at least 20% of the project's units are occupied by tenants with an income of 50% or less of area median income adjusted for family size. The second qualification is that at least 40% of the units are occupied by tenants with an income of 60% or less of average median income. The final qualification that can be met is that at least 40% of the units are occupied by tenants with income averaging no more than 60% of average median income and finally, no units are occupied by tenants with an income greater than 80% of average median income.

The amount allocated to an investor is based on three criteria: the cost of construction, the percentage of qualified low-income units and the tax credit percentage which is set at 9%. During the Aug. 22 City Council meeting, Snider Development announced private investment in excess of \$6.5 million. This means if all of the tenants qualify as low-income, the third party investor would receive \$585,000 in a federal tax credit. Ramsel said receiving the tax credits is a competitive process. Last year they were rejected for the development of this property, but Ramsel said they feel good about their chances.

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Up to \$20,000 of relief to come to students

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Over the last 50 years, the cost of post-high school education has skyrocketed for students looking to obtain degrees, leaving no choice for many than to take out student loans. To ease the burden of growing costs for higher-education, President Joe Biden announced Aug. 24 a three-part plan to help with student loan borrowers all over the country. The U.S. Department of Education will be providing up to \$20,000 in debt erasure for Pell Grant recipients and up to \$10,000 for non-Pell grant recipients. This forgiveness applies to people who are making less than \$125,000 a year or less than \$250,000 for married couples. Pell Grant recipients make up

nearly 60% of the student loan borrower population, and it is estimated by the Department of Education that nearly 27 million Pell Grant borrowers will receive the \$20,000 forgiveness. Overall, this plan is estimated to help nearly 43 million student loan borrowers. Students' parents who have taken out a Parent Plus Loan are also included in the forgiveness plan and are subject to the same income caps. This debt forgiveness is not for high-income individuals or households — those who are in the top five percent of incomes, — according to a press release from The White House. This plan was also made to make the student loan system more manageable by cutting

monthly payments in half for undergraduate loans. The current rate for most existing student loan repayment plans is around 10%, so the Department of Education is proposing a new repayment plan that is based on an individual's income, capping the monthly payments at 5% of a borrower's discretionary income. This change will lower the average annual student loan payment by more than \$1,000 for current and future student loan borrowers. Before this forgiveness plan, one of the first efforts made for students was during the COVID-19 pandemic when student loan repayments were paused with no added interest starting March 2020.

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Invasion of privacy case postponed

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The scheduled hearing for a case involving a Northwest student has been postponed to Sept. 19 after Circuit Court Judge Corey Herron granted continuance in court Aug. 29. Logan D. Fainter, 19, was charged with Invasion of Privacy, a class E felony, after an investigation and arrest was made by University Police when two reports of a suspect recording people in the female bathroom on the third floor of Millikan Hall. In the first victim's voluntary, written report of a Jan. 27 incident, she said she saw a phone camera pointed at her under the shower stall while she was nude, according to a probable cause statement

from the University Police Department. A second victim reported a similar incident in a voluntary, written report of an event that occurred Feb. 5. Fainter was originally set for trial March 1, where in arraignment Fainter entered a not-guilty plea. During that hearing, he was granted continuance to April 12, and the court ordered him to report directly to Private Probation Services in Macon, Missouri, to undergo a GPS monitoring system. At the April hearing, continuance was requested again and scheduled for May 17. After another court appearance in May, his trial was continued to June 6 and then again to Aug. 15. At the August hearing, the court allowed for removal of the GPS monitor.

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Beemer Muffler hosts annual car show

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Beemer Muffler LLC hosted its fifth annual Blood, Sweat and Gears Truck and Car Show Saturday Aug. 27.

Each year, they give back the proceeds to a local charity. This year they decided to donate to the Nodaway County Women's Advocacy Center.

Dakota Beemer of Beemer Muffler said they like giving back to the community.

"This is a great way to give back to the community. We have been doing this for five years and each year we choose another organization to give to," Beemer said. "We hope to continue to do this."

Nodaway County Women's Advocacy Center Executive Director Linda Mattson said these events allow for financial security but also help the public know of the services the Advocacy Center provides.

"This community is so supportive of what we do and supportive of victims. We just never know with grant funding when it's going to run out, when it's not going to be renewable," Mattson said. "Having events like these for the money is very important to us. Things like this are critical for us to continue to provide services. And additionally the awareness of our services,



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All of the work done on this truck was completed by Beemer Muffler LLC. The truck had all new wheels, brand new powder coated suspension and custom designs all over the truck.

it's twofold, not just the money, but the awareness it brings. We have victims come to us and are still saying 'I did not know you existed until my friend told me.'"

The money was raised in a variety of ways such as the \$20 entrance fee, raffling off tickets and gaining corporate sponsors. One of the sponsors would be Steven Statton, owner and operator of

Liberty Forged, who donated a set of wheels to be raffled.

"We are giving away some 22x12s. Last year was our first year doing this, and this year I talked to Dakota to see about doing it again. It's kind of a win-win," Statton said. "It helps their raffle tickets to donate money and for me it's a donation, so that I can help donate to the cause."

The show had a variety of cars from all over. While most of the participants are from Missouri, there were plenty of people that visited from other states. Most of the out of staters came from surrounding states like Kansas, Iowa and Oklahoma, but there was someone who drove down from South Dakota. The show had 15 different

categories to compete in. They ranged from best of decade, to best attention, to detail and all the way to a kids choice award. Each winner walked away with a trophy and bragging rights.

After the award ceremony, there was a cruise to a burnout box sponsored by Midwest Diesel Society. Drivers were encouraged to burn as much rubber as they could and show off what their vehicles could do.

Raffle ticket winners won small items like ball caps, tee-shirts, beer koozies and larger items like a set of wheels and \$250 gift cards.

Craig Anderson brought his 2000 C5 apple red Chevy Corvette. He is from a small town outside Topeka, Kansas and was motivated to come to Maryville, not only for his love of car shows, but also for the good cause.

"Every once and a while I will Google 'car show near me', and I found this one," Anderson said. "I came up here because the money goes to something worthwhile. The most important thing is to help others, and I love seeing other people's cars."

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West Nodaway to participate in school protection training

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West Nodaway School District, made up of roughly 230 students, is training a short list of their teachers to become certified School Protection Officers and will not require a psychological evaluation.

West Nodaway's Board of Education voted 5-2 July 21 to allow their teachers to become certified School Protection Officers.

There will be an application process as well as required training conducted by a program in Bolivar, Missouri that has trained 24 school districts, Superintendent Mitch Barnes said.

The training will consist of 120 hours that will be completed in January 2023. Most of the schools who have participated in this program are from small, rural towns that seem to be a far distance from their local sheriff departments.

The training required is a 120-

hour course that meets all the statutory requirements for SPO certification and includes lessons in use of force justification, emergency response, building search, survival mentality, handcuffing and restraint devices, weapon retention and disarming, ground fighting techniques, basic first aid/CPR, combat first aid and more than 40 hours of advanced firearms training, according to MU extension.

Located in the fourth largest county in the state, West Nodaway's School district is roughly 20 minutes from Nodaway's Sheriff's department. Barnes said this is the best approach to protect his students if the worst were to happen.

"I think it's a layer of legal protection, but I am comfortable with those who are participating because I know them, and I know they have had multiple background checks," Barnes said.

Last spring, the state offered a grant for an All Hazards Safety

Assessment for various schools in each region. A survey was led by Strategio International and Missouri Center for Education Safety.

The information gathered was not collected to rate the schools, but to have a better understanding of the elements that can impact school safety. Since this survey has been completed, the school has upgraded to many safety features, such as repainting safety lines in the parking lot and talk about adding a fence around the playground. The district is working to build a better, protected school.

The Sheriff's Department is in full support of this decision. The department has enhanced their active shooter training by attending instructional conferences across the nation. Nodaway County Sheriff Randy Strong said they are utilizing their best efforts to spend more time in schools, parked out front to be seen and connecting with students to ensure they feel protected.



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The West Nodaway Board of Education voted July 21 to allow teachers and administrators to become certified Student Protection Officers. The training the teachers and administrators will have to go through is a 120-hour course.

Strong has attended West Nodaway's school board meetings and heard concerns from both sides within the audience. Response time can take 15-20 minutes, and that's a risk the school is unwilling to take.

"It is certainly not a requirement to be armed, it is just a suggestion I put out there," Strong said.

Strong has an invested inter-

est in this topic and will provide training for these School Protection Officers.

"You need to know how to shoot well. You need to know how to shoot moving. You need to be accurate. You need to know what's behind your threat," Strong said.

This will be the first school in the county to have SRO Officers.

Nodaway County Senior Center receives \$84,000 grant from local Lions Club

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It was announced at the Nodaway County Senior Citizens Aug. 17 Senate meeting that the Nodaway County Senior Center would be receiving a grant from the Lions Club. The Lions Club International Hunger Grant will be used to install a new walk-in refrigeration unit for the senior center.

The \$84,000 project will require 25% of funds to be raised by the community and local lions, as per the Lions Club International rules. In addition to Maryville's Lions Club, the lions of Graham and Pickering are pitching into the grant as well, and fundraising has already begun. The grant was undertaken by W.R. O'Riley, Maryville Lions' Past International Director.

"One of these types of grants was for senior centers and so forth, and needs for various types of equipment, and I knew that our local senior center was in need of a new walk-in freezer," O'Riley said. "So I merely contacted the staff at Lions International Foundation to get

what the qualifications were. Of course, that was back in April, and we just received confirmation two weeks ago that our application had been approved by the National Foundation Board of Trustees."

The Lions Club International Foundation is an international organization with 1.4 million members across 210 countries, dedicated to serving and assisting their communities through financial grants and service projects.

The first international Lions Club was founded in 1920 in Windsor, Ontario. Lions Club experienced the most growth after World War II, where returning veterans expanded the program across the country.

In the past, the Maryville Lions have donated other grants for projects in Maryville, such as a playground for children with disabilities and various state, and local emergency grants, such as tornado relief.

Amie Firavich, administrator at the senior center, said the grant announcement was a welcomed surprise.

"It should be almost double of what we have now, so it'll give

us a lot of extra space," Firavich said. "We get donations from Walmart, Hy-Vee and the community, and we try to use everything that's donated to us, and when we don't have any freezer space to freeze it, sometimes we have to either turn it down or give it out."

The senior center is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. and primarily focuses on serving lunch to an average 125 people daily. The center also delivers frozen meals to seniors all across Nodaway County. With a new freezer on the way, storage won't be a problem, and according to Firavich, will allow them to purchase more items in bulk and save them for later.

Both O'Riley and Firavich said they have faith in the community's willingness and capability to raise the money needed.

"This community has been very supportive of the senior center," Firavich said. "I don't see a reason that there will be any issues with it. And I don't think the Lions Club sees any with it either."

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MOUNTAINS, OCEANS AND THE ARCTIC

Northwest professor recalls expeditions around the world

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While her desk sits in Martindale Hall, Assistant Professor Nina Adanin has traveled and ventured all across the globe, from the heights of the Himalayan Mountains, the scorching Middle East, the majestic Atlantic Ocean, the freezing Arctic and the humid Colombian jungles.

Adanin was born in Germany and grew up with her grandparents on a farm in the mountains of Bosnia, and when the Yugoslav Wars began with the breakup of Yugoslavia, they moved to neighboring Serbia.

Adanin studied sports management at the University of Belgrade, the largest and oldest modern university in Serbia. After growing up in the mountains, mountain climbing came next.

“After I finished my undergrad in sports management, I wanted to travel, like every young person on this planet,” Adanin said. “So, I started to climb a lot, because with the climbing, I could travel and explore new regions and meet new people.”

Adanin wanted to climb Mt. Everest, but as a college student, couldn’t afford the expensive equipment. She was offered a job as a guide in the Himalayan Mountains for climbers and even got to climb Everest itself, but she didn’t reach the top due to weather. However, she was still high enough to see the Earth’s curvature.

“When you’re hungry and you’re so cold, you just want to go down,” Adanin said. “It’s beautiful, to be honest, it’s so beautiful.”

In 2013, Adanin went on an expedition to climb one of the highest mountains in Pakistan, Nanga Parbat. She traveled with a team of 17 other climbers and two local guides.

“I wanted to climb because I love history. I like stories, and I joined an international expedition, so I wasn’t the guide on that,” Adanin said. “It was a real expedition, so everyone needed to have a role.”

One night in the mountains, the Taliban arrived and executed half of the team.

“They took my money, took my passport, they took everything,” Adanin said. “No idea why, no idea who, they just came one night.”

Adanin and the other half of the expedition were only able to survive because they were further away from camp and were able to hide, while the other half had stayed to prepare. The next day, rescue helicopters came and flew the survivors home.

“We are professional athletes. We are climbers. We are not politicians,” Adanin said. “It’s not the way a professional climber or a mountaineer is supposed to finish life.”

After climbing many mountains and almost falling victim to the Taliban, Adanin felt like exploring some-

thing else. Along with three others, she crossed the Atlantic Ocean in a sailboat for five weeks in 2015. They sailed from Gibraltar, just off the southern Spanish coast and landed in the Caribbean Islands, the same route Christopher Columbus and his men sailed on their expedition to the new world. Their only stop along the way was on the Spanish Canary Islands west of Africa to stock up on inventory before sailing the open ocean.

“I didn’t have much experience with sailing, but because I’m a climber, I know how to use the ropes,” Adanin said. “I know what it is to be patient and to suffer. And I suffered a lot with seasickness. A bucket was my best friend.”

Off the coast of Morocco, a speedboat was sighted on the radar by the captain. They were approaching fast, and Adanin said that meant they were about to be robbed by pirates. They changed course and were able to avoid them. In the five weeks, they came across pirates twice, but were luckily able to slip away.

When they finally reached the Caribbean, Adanin recalled not seeing land, but smelling it first.

“What I found was a smell, it stayed for three seconds,” Adanin said. “The smell of land. There is something specific, and I never felt that. That ground, grass, it’s way different than the smell of fresh grass.”

Adanin recalled feeling drunk when walking on land for the first time in a month without the waves rocking their sailboat.

“After a few minutes, you’re like ‘OK, I’m OK. Let’s go have good pizza,’” Adanin said. “It was a great experience, and maybe one day I’ll cross the Pacific.”

Adanin later climbed Denali, previously named Mt. McKinley, located in Alaska, it’s the tallest mountain in North America. From there, Adanin visited some friends in Colorado and New York. Adanin wanted to finish graduate school and get her masters and PhD. She was offered a scholarship and a student job at Ohio University in 2016 and received her masters in outdoor and recreation.

“I love people in the U.S. They’re super friendly, super nice and welcoming,” Adanin said. “I was like, ‘Wow, this is not what we learned before in the books, I want to be here.’”

In the spring of 2021, Adanin and three female colleagues marched 300 miles on skis, pulling research equipment for 35 days in the Arctic. They were on the Svalbard Islands, which lie halfway between mainland Norway and the North Pole. They were there to collect black carbon in snow and compare it to years prior to see if pollution might be decreasing, which is why they opted to march and use skis instead of polluting snowmobiles. They hiked along a trail that has been used on

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the islands for a century, but has terraformed as glaciers melt. Luckily, they were still safe from polar bears.

“It was really cold. It was dangerous. But it was the trip of my life and the expedition of my life,” Adanin said.

Last winter, Adanin and a team of scientists traveled to Colombia to study some of the world’s last tropical glaciers.

“It’s amazing, but it’s so sad to see all the glaciers that are disappearing,” Adanin said. “They will be gone in a few years, and that will impact society around people.”

The team climbed the Colombian Mountains for research, and on one occasion, the volcano they were climbing erupted. They recorded some of the footage and took some quick measurements for scientific purposes before making a safe escape.

“That sound. I never had that experience,” Adanin said.

After her expedition in the Arctic, Adanin applied to several schools for a teaching job, and Northwest reached out to hire her.

“The point is, it’s not where you are, it’s who you are with. I think all my colleagues are the best on the planet,” Adanin said. “Super nice, super supportive. They helped me last year to go into a super fast transition to teach four classes here. They made me part of this family.”

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Senate hears second DI presentation

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Freshman representative elections are just around the corner for Student Senate. Information sessions will be held from Aug. 29 to Sept. 2 for people looking to join, campaigning will be held from Sept. 5 to Sept. 9, and elections will be held from Sept. 12 to Sept. 16.

At its meeting Aug. 30, Assistant Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion Justin Mallett continued his Diversity and Inclusion presentations by giving a presentation on microaggressions. This is the second of four presentations he will be giving to Senate.

He discussed what microaggressions are and how to respond to them. He started his presentation by saying microaggressions don't just happen to one specific group of people.

"Don't think that microaggressions are only towards people of color," Mallett said. "Don't think that microaggressions are only towards LGBTQ+ people. Microaggressions can happen to anyone in this room."

Mallett talked about the different types of microaggressions and the impact that microaggressions

can have on people. He also encouraged the Senate to listen to the people who experience microaggressions. He added to talk to them about what they want to be done before acting, not just acting based on how they personally feel.

"A lot of this is all about listening," Mallett said. "It may be going up to that person and simply saying 'Hey, I'm here. I'm a listening ear. Is there anything you want to get off your chest? How can I be there for you?'"

Student Senate Executive Treasurer Jillian McNamara said having these presentations is important in order to be better student leaders, as sometimes, the information that Mallett covers is sometimes missed in classrooms. McNamara hopes these presentations help senators be more aware and become even better people.

"If we're going to accurately represent these people on campus, we need to understand them and know how our actions are affecting them to make people feel welcome and supported by our organization," McNamara said.

Andy Peterson, director of athletics, had a conversation with the Senate at the beginning of the meeting. He encouraged



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Sophomore Leah Trumble and Junior Ciara Mattson get sworn in Aug. 30. Trumble was sworn in as Student Activities Council Representative, while Mattson was sworn in as Lead Green Representative.

students to attend athletic events and discussed the idea of Senate sponsorship at athletic events. Peterson said he hopes the athletic department and student senate will be able to collaborate more in the future.

"I want to be a resource and support system for you guys and what you do," Peterson

said. "If you have an event or something you'd like to promote, and you want to do it in a semi-formal public forum, we have media timeouts, half-times and between quarters, where we can parade people out in front of six or seven thousand people, we can do that publicly and get you guys

some airtime and visibility."

Before the meeting came to a close, two new members were sworn in to the Senate. Student Activities Council Representative Leah Trumble and Lead Green Representative Ciara Mattson were both sworn in by Motazedi.

CRIME LOG

for the week of Sept. 1

Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

Aug. 27

There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm in Tower Suites West.

There is a closed investigation for **Chase Davidson**, 19, for driving while intoxicated on University Drive.

There is a closed investigation for an alcohol violation in Parking Lot 20.

Aug. 26

There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm at Bearcat Stadium.

There is a closed investigation for a fire alarm at the J.W. Jones Student Union.

There is a closed investigation for a forcible fondling in Franken Hall.

Aug. 25

There is an open investigation for a hit and run.

There is a closed investigation for a drug violation on West Ninth Street.

There is a closed investigation for a warrant arrest in Parking Lot 42.

Maryville Department of Public Safety

Aug. 25

A summons was issued to **Caitlyn J. Lapka**, 20, for a minor in possession and possession of a fake ID on the 200 block of West Fifth Street.

A summons was issued to **Gabriel L. Schoonover**, 21, for driving while intoxicated and possession of drug paraphernalia on the 1900 block of South Main Street.

Aug. 24

A summons was issued to **Jennifer N. Romick**, 28, for having no valid drivers license on the 1500 block of North Main Street.

There was an accident between **Bronson P. Herrera**, 32, and **Garrett D. Calvert**, 20, on the 400 block of North Buchanan Street. **Herrera** was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

Aug. 22

A summons was issued to **Cristian M. Jovel**, 37, for having no valid drivers license and speeding on U.S. Highway 71 Bypass and East South Avenue.

Aug. 21

A summons was issued to **Nateonia M. Russell**, 19, for driving while suspended on the 1800 block of East First Street.

Aug. 19

There is an ongoing investigation for larceny from a motor vehicle on the 1000 block of North Walnut Street.



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The Snider Development's two new 16 unit buildings will be a mix of two and three bedroom units including a dog park and playground. This development will not start until they get the federal tax credit cut to help with the cost of construction.

LOANS

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The new student loan relief plan extended these deferred payments until Dec. 31, but starting January 2023, those payments will resume.

Another effort already in place is The Department of Education's Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. One of the steps for student loan relief is fixing this 'broken' program. This allows for people who have worked at a non-profit, served in the military or worked in federal, state, tribal or local government to receive credit

toward their loans.

The current PSLF program allows for the remaining balance on a loan to be forgiven on Direct Loans after making 120 monthly payments under a payment plan, along with working full-time for a qualifying employer under non-profit or governmental organizations.

With all the information on who is eligible for student loan forgiveness, the overarching question is 'when can I apply?' The information on how to apply for forgiveness has yet to be announced, but will come out within the coming weeks

on the Federal Office of Student Aid website, according to an Associated Press article.

So, what happens if someone has already repaid their student debt? This debt forgiveness is only for those who are currently holding student debt. If someone voluntarily made payments after March 2020, when the pause on repayments was made, the person can request a refund for those payments, according to the Federal Office of Student Aid.

More information on the student loan forgiveness to come.

HOUSING

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"We tried to get this started last year," Ramsel said. "This is just a competitive credit to get. We do feel confident that we are going to get it in December when it's announced, and we hope to start development in the spring."

The U.S. Census reports that

the average median household income, from 2016-2020, for Nodaway County is \$46,303 with 15.2% of the population living in poverty. Snider Development recognizes their demand for low-income housing.

"We know there is a need," Ramsel said. "We have stayed in close contact with the city for the past five years, and we have built a relationship with them."

This program allocates tax credits to each state. Those tax credits are divided out based on each state's population and are sent to each state who then delegates them to the housing agency. Missouri's Housing Development Commission is then required to take applications for development around the state and delegate federal tax credits based on need.

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After the Aug. 15 court date, the hearing was then moved for a fifth time to Aug. 29, and the sixth continuance of this trial was granted in court from Aug. 29 to Sept. 19.

During the original investigation in February, Fainter gave written consent to University Police to search his phone without

a warrant. The first victim identified her black Under Armour flip-flops in an image found in the search. The date and time stamp of the image aligned with the original statement made by the first victim.

The statement also said Fainter admitted Feb. 13 to creating an image or a video of an unknown person without their consent Jan. 27 in the female bathroom on the third floor of Millikan Hall. He also admitted to doing the same

to another person Feb. 5.

Both victims verified they did not give anyone consent to photograph, film, videotape, produce or otherwise create an image of them in the shower.

In Missouri, Class E felonies are punishable by up to four years in prison, one year in jail or a fine of up to \$10,000. Under this felony class, there may also be a chance for probation.

Inflation Reduction Act is no success



The Inflation Reduction Act is being praised as a victory for climate justice in the United States by the government and the media. However, it's not the victory we're being told it is.

This act doesn't discuss decreasing fossil fuels, it's quite the opposite. Instead of phasing out the fossil fuels industry, the Inflation Reduction Act set up a framework where wind and solar development is tied to increased oil and gas leasing in order to build out fossil fuel infrastructure.

For the next ten years, the Inflation Reduction Act prohibits any offshore wind lease sales unless the U.S. Department of the Interior has held at least one offshore oil and gas lease sale within a year before the wind lease sale, according to the official act. The oil and gas lease sale must be at least 60 million acres.

Because corporations are continuing to use fossil fuels at the rate they are, this will lead to more indigenous lands being invaded and exploited for their resources. This act opens up oil and gas leasing in Alaska and the Gulf Coast south, which will hurt these communities even more. By using fossil fuels the way we are, we are affecting their well-being.

We cannot be complacent while this continues. Until more of us call out the role big corporations and fossil fuel companies have in causing climate change, we will never see climate justice.

This package also promises to provide over \$60 billion in funding for "environmental justice priorities." While this may seem like a good thing, the act offers no criteria for what qualifies as an Environmental Justice provision. Because of this, there's no way to verify the amount of money being invested.

Another part of this act that's a step back, is that eligibility guidelines for Environmental Justice provisions allow corporations and large non-governmental organizations to apply for the grants. Because the receivers of the grants are selected on a "competitive basis," non-governmental organizations that are backed by large corporations and polluters can apply for the grants with more resources than smaller companies or organizations. This allows for them to gain an advantage.

This makes no sense, as these big corporations are the ones who caused this problem. They aren't in need of the resources. The last thing we should be doing is giving the people who got us into a climate crisis more money to line their pockets with.

Until President Joe Biden and Congress declare a climate emergency and stop giving handouts to big corporations, who are the leading cause of climate change, our planet will continue to die until there is nothing we can do to save it.

The Inflation Reduction Act is no victory, even if the government and media are saying otherwise. I know it seems hopeless, and you probably feel like you can't do anything because you're just one person — I feel that way too. If enough of us speak out, those in power will have to listen. Use your voice — our planet depends on it.

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat is addicted to BeReal

If there is one addiction I have gained over the last few months, it's the BeReal app. The app that is, by no means, me being real.

The app was designed to post what you are doing at the moment the notification goes off — the same notification that is currently sitting in my notification center from three hours ago.

I refuse to post my BeReal when the notification goes off because if I did, you would

just see me sitting on my couch watching a movie at all times of the day. Which is "being real," but I don't want to admit my life is actually that boring. I also, more than likely, haven't cleaned in a week, and the Sonic drinks are piling up on my coffee table.

Just when I think I am actually doing something interesting when the notification goes off, the app doesn't load, and my anxiety heightens to the sky. Not to

mention the blinking red numbers that scream at you making it seem like it's all my fault.

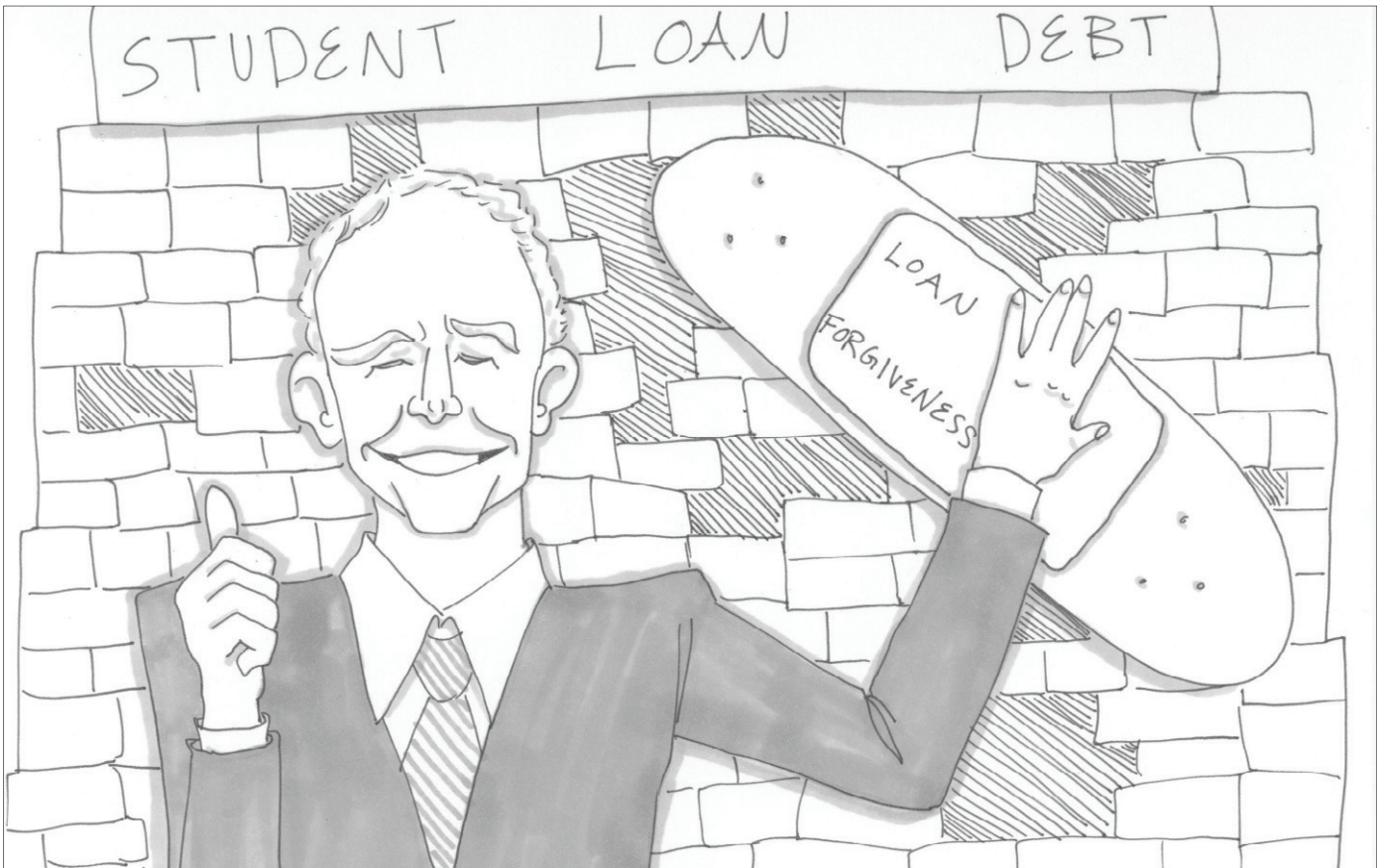
I would just like to have a talk with the person that chooses the time of day the notification goes off. Why in the world would I want to post an 8 a.m. photo of myself looking like I just got dragged out from the sewer.

The worst part of this whole app is that it never goes off when I am actually

doing anything interesting. I could go skydiving, help the homeless and meet the president all in one day, but the notification will go off when I get home.

The app is great, and I have used it every single day since I downloaded it, but I absolutely do not use it correctly, nor do I care to start any time soon.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of the Northwest Missourian.



ALEXANDRIA MESZ CARTOONIST

OUR VIEW:

Student loan forgiveness is a step in the right direction

Education is supposed to be the great equalizer. From the moment that we are able to understand what college is, the American education system tells kids they need to go to college to get a good job and be financially stable. How can either of these things happen when students are leaving school with tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars in debt?

This is not your grandparents' college costs. The rising costs of tuition have moved faster than inflation at 171.5%. Education Data Initiative reports that in 1970-71 college tuition average was \$394, whereas the 2019-20 school year costs \$9,349. Private schools are considerably more. Colleges have been rising out of the average student's price range, forcing students to take out huge loans as the only option. On top of that, Pell Grants are not keeping up.

The Washington Post reports there is over \$1.6 trillion in student loan debt held by about 20% of Americans. A majority of those 45 million that have taken federal loans have \$20,000 or less to pay. Those loans are the most difficult to pay because they are held by people who did not finish with a degree, meaning they spent the money

but didn't get any of the benefits that come with having a degree when looking for employment.

To help with the debt students are left with, the federal government proposed to erase up to \$20,000 in debt for Pell Grant recipients and up to \$10,000 for non-Pell Grant recipients. This only applies to people who are making less than \$125,000 or \$250,000 for married couples. Pell Grant recipients make up the majority of student loan borrowers, and it's estimated this plan will help 43 million people.

This is a good first step to make. The blaring issue is colleges around the country are too expensive. The loan forgiveness program is putting a bandaid on a gushing wound. Overall, more needs to be done to ease the cost of college. This doesn't mean canceling all student debt, as the next generation of students would just be burdened with the costs.

One solution is expanding who can get money through federal programs when students fill out their FAFSA. As it stands, the government is failing middle-class families and low-income families. A lot of students fall into an awkward middle ground where they make too much money to get help, but

not enough money to pay for college. Relieving that population of that burden would decrease the need for student loans.

In order to decrease the cost of college, a few things could be done at the state level. Missouri is a great example of not sending enough money to its institutions. This forces schools to raise other fees on their students.

This problem does not just affect young people. Students cannot default on student loans like other kinds of debt. If you are not able to pay off the cost of college early, it will stick with you for the rest of your life.

The student loan relief is not only beneficial for those holding thousands of dollars in student debt, it's also a step in the right direction. After years of college classes, pulling out loans and creating piles of debt, the executive order is removing a barrier.

These loans belong to the wave of the future. The future doctors, teachers, lawyers, engineers and everyone in between make up the world around us. They deserve appreciation and shouldn't be burdened with wondering how they will make their next student loan payment. There is still more to be done, but we are on the right track.

YOUR VIEW:

How do you feel about the student loan forgiveness program?

MORGAN ODEN Junior Business Management



"Honestly, I do not know much about it because I am fortunate enough to where my parents pay for my schooling, so that way I do not have any loans."

OLIVIA WILLIAMS Junior Broadcast and Production



"I think it will help people who might not get paid as much as I thought or change the way things are after they graduate so then they'll be able to pay it off."

ETHAN HUNN Junior Emergency and Disaster Management



"I've seen it everywhere, and it seems like it would be a good thing, but I don't understand much about it."

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Roberts makes Patriots’ 53-man roster

Sam Roberts, former Northwest football defensive end and 2021 Cliff Harris Award winner, has made the New England Patriots’ 53-man roster.

The Waynesville, Missouri native was drafted No. 200 overall by the Patriots in the 2021 NFL Draft, April 30. After that, Roberts worked through his first NFL offseason and camps until the start of the 2022 NFL preseason.

In the Patriots’ first game of the preseason against the New York Giants, Roberts totaled five quarterback pressures and two solo tackles. The former Bearcat did not take long to make his impact on the professional level, and he wasn’t finished there.

For Week 2 of the NFL preseason, New England played the Carolina Panthers. In the fourth quarter, with less than a minute and a half to play, fellow Patriot Damarcus Mitchell stripped Carolina’s quarterback Phillip Walker in the end zone, and Roberts recovered the ball for his first NFL touchdown.

Through Roberts’ work throughout the offseason, coach Bill Belichick and the Patriots have seen enough to want him on the roster heading into the new NFL season.

The Patriots’ first game is Sept. 11 against AFC East rival, the Miami Dolphins.



DANIE PARRIOTT PHOTOGRAPHER
Sophomore libero Kyah Luhning sets herself up for the pass during defensive drill. Northwest volleyball will travel to Denver before starting its conference schedule Sept. 7 against Central Missouri.

TOURNAMENT CONTINUED FROM A8

“It is a big honor to be named MVP,” Kirchhoefer said. “I couldn’t be where I am without the amazing teammates and coaches that I have and practice with every day. Being named MVP brings confidence with it, and I know that my teammates trust me to be reliable at all times.”

“I have to credit the team for that,” Rezac said. “Passers and defense did a good job of getting me high balls, and hitters put the ball away at a high level.” Those aren’t the only accolades

Northwest received after a 4-0 weekend. Northwest is ranked No. 2 in the Week 1 Volleyblog rankings and No. 10 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Week 1 Top-25.

Next for the ‘Cats is another tournament.

Northwest will play in the Premier Challenge Sept. 2-3 in Denver, Colorado. Despite playing in tournaments for two straight weeks, both with ranked opponents, the ‘Cats aren’t intimidated.

“Continue to focus on our side of the net and how we can get better this week,” Woerth said. “Continue to make some

of our weaknesses more of a strength for us, but just continue to get better every day.”

The first opponent in the Premier Challenge is No. 16 Angelo State Rams (3-1).

After Angelo State, Northwest will be in for another showdown against No. 4 MSU Denver (4-0).

“I feel like we are pretty well prepared to face good competition every weekend by being in the MIAA,” Rezac said. “There are a lot of good teams, and you have to play good every weekend to compete, so I feel like it is something we’re used to.”

WILDCATS

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“Well, they’re an option attack on offense,” Webb said. “They played a very good MICDS team last week, and we need to make sure we cover each phase of the option. Coach [Brent] Maxwell is returning

to the sidelines after being athletic director for a few years, so he’s a very good coach, and they will be a good team.”

“We’re gonna work hard in practice to correct our mistakes and execute better than last week to get the win in Week 2,” Burns said.

This week is the Spoofhounds’ first game in the Hound Pound for the 2022 season.

Webb said it’s always great to play in front of the Maryville fans.

“It’s youth night in the Hound Pound, so it’ll be a lot of young people out in the community, you know, running around the field with us before the game, and that’s always exciting,” Webb said. “This is a special place and a special community. We love playing at home.”

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Younger players are one of Wright’s main focuses and has been throughout the preseason.

According to Wright, nearly two-thirds of the team will be making its first college start against Fort Hays. Wright said the team, especially for the newcomers, is focused everyday on progress and being better than the day before.

Thursday evening’s game will give Wright the opportunity to see if the new players have made use of that philosophy.

“We’re here — it’s time to take a test,” Wright said. “We got to see where we’re at with so many new faces. We want to control what we can control, and that’s our execution. That’s how we play, limiting our mental mistakes and being physical. If we do those little things right, then usually the outcome on the scoreboard takes care of itself.”

The Bearcats start the season as the preseason favorites to win the MIAA according to the MIAA preseason coaches poll.



DANIE PARRIOTT PHOTOGRAPHER
Northwest football senior running back Kevin Dominique runs the ball during a scrimmage. The Bearcats previously won against Fort Hays State 15-7 in 2021.

The program is coming off its 31st overall conference title. Northwest’s hopeful journey to capture its 32nd starts at 7 p.m. Sept. 1 inside Bearcat Stadium.

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Maryville soccer prepares to travel for first tourney

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Maryville boys' soccer has practiced all preseason and offseason to get prepared for its first game of the regular season. Months of work was put in by the Spoofhounds to get ready to step back onto the pitch for the first time since their third-place finish in the 2021 Class 1 State Tournament. The team packed the bus and set off for Barstow High School in Kansas City, Missouri.

When they arrived, the Spoofhounds prepared themselves for the kick off to their new season. Except, their opponent, Northeast (Kansas City) High School, didn't.

After nearly an hour and 45 minutes on a bus, Maryville was at Barstow without an opponent and without a game.

Coach Jesus Gonzalez said he felt bad for his players not being able to start the season.

"They were excited because it was going to be our first game, but, sadly, the other team didn't show up," Gonzalez said. "I mean, it gave us a couple more hours to prepare and be ready for our next game."

Despite being able to advance in the Barstow Invitational Tournament without having to play yet, the players were forced to wait longer for their season to begin.

For junior midfielder Kason Teale, he said he would have rather played the game, even with an easy advance. "We were all really looking forward to the first game," Teale said.

Like Gonzalez, Teale said the extra time was helpful because he and his teammates were able to warm up like it was a game and get in that mindset. That additional preparation could be a deciding factor for Maryville's next game in the tournament and official start to the 2022 season.

The Barstow Invitational is familiar territory for Maryville. In 2021, the Spoofhounds came out of the tournament with a win against Barstow and a tie against Sacred Heart.

Gonzalez said his team is prepared for any team the tournament will pin it up against. The players worked hard for two months, continued their hard work through the heat and preseason, and all the effort will be put to use for the entire season, not just the first game or tournament.

Teale said the early season practices have been perfect. "It's a lot of bonding for the team, especially with all the conditioning we do together," Teale said.

"I feel confident about our team," Gonzalez said. "We're gonna be ready. The field at Barstow is going to be small, so it's gonna be a little messy keeping possession with the players so close to each other. We'll just see what we can do."

Teamwork has been one of Gonzalez's goals. In his third year at the helm for the Spoofhounds, he said the trust is there between himself and his players.

Teale said the chemistry on the team is one of its biggest strengths.

"We spend a lot of time with each other, on and off the field," Teale said. "We joke around with each other a lot, but when we need to get down to business, everyone's ready."

The Spoofhounds' second round of the Barstow Invitational will not be finished in time for publication.



ARAMIE GEBHARDT PHOTOGRAPHER

Maryville Spoofhounds' senior Anastyn Pettlon gets ready for a set, scoring a point shortly after. The Spoofhounds will travel to East Buchanan on Sept. 1.

'Hounds give Benton first loss

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Maryville volleyball started its regular season with an at-home win over Midland Empire Conference foe Benton Aug. 29. The Spoofhounds completed the statement-win to start the 2022 campaign with a 3-1 win over the Cardinals, who were 4-0 heading into the contest Monday night. The Spoofhounds were able to avenge their loss against Benton in the first game of the 2021 season.

Spoofhound coach Bailey Cook was happy for her team and excited to start the season off on the right foot.

"Amazing," Cook said. "It gave me goosebumps. It's just a good feeling, coming out strong with high energy in the very first game of the season. It has me excited and looking forward to the rest of the season."

Maryville started off hot, winning the first two sets by nearly double digits. Benton struck back winning the third set, but the Spoofhounds thwarted the comeback attempt with a win in the fourth set.

The first set started off back-and-forth for both teams. A quick 3-point run behind the service of senior setter Anastyn Pettlon gave the Spoofhounds an 11-6 lead and forced a Benton timeout.

The rest of the set was all Maryville, as the Spoofhounds outscored the Cardinals by nearly double and won the first set 25-15 with a kill from freshman hitter Olivia Stanley.

Maryville kept their foot on the gas through the second set and started on a 5-0 run, followed by another Benton timeout. The Spoofhounds couldn't quite pull away, until another 5-point run made it 13-8. The 'Hounds finished the second set in dominating fashion with a kill from Pettlon, winning 25-16.

Cook gave high praise to her seniors following the game and said they are prepared for the new season.

"In the summer, they are around for everything," Cook said. "They are great leaders. I never have to worry about them getting down on themselves or needing them to pick up other players.

They are solid players all the way around, and I think that is because of what they do in the offseason."

The third set was a set of

"It's just a good feeling, coming out strong with high energy in the very first game of the season."

-BAILEY COOK
VOLLEYBALL COACH

runs. Both teams started out even with Maryville in the lead, 7-6. A quick 4-0 run and a timeout from Cook gave Benton the 10-7 lead. The Spoofhounds seemingly came out of the timeout on a mission and went on a 4-1 run to tie the set at 11.

A n y m o m e n t u m t h e

Spoofhounds had gained up to that point was quickly halted by another Cardinals' run. A 7-1 scoring advantage gave Benton the late 22-16 lead and eventually, the third set win, the closest set of the night, 25-18.

Despite the loss in the third set, Maryville stormed back in the next set. The Spoofhounds got out to a quick 9-2 lead in the fourth set behind a couple of kills from senior hitter Rylee Vierthaler — the Spoofhounds leader in kills from the year prior. The 'Hounds never looked back and won the final set 25-13 with yet another Vierthaler kill to finish off the Cardinals.

Like she did for her team in 2021, Vierthaler led the Spoofhounds in kills.

"I have been preparing for this and putting in extra time for this season," Vierthaler said. "We have always been focusing on the offseason so we can do well."

Maryville will travel to play East Buchanan Sept. 1 with hopes of continuing the early season success.

Unfamiliar opponent next for Bearcat soccer

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After a 1-0 road victory over Wayne State to start the season, Northwest soccer hoped to take the energy into its first home game of the year at Bearcat Pitch Aug. 27 against Drury.

Junior forward Kaitlyn Case shared how it felt to be back on Bearcat Pitch playing in front of the fans.

"It's so exhilarating, our fanbase has gotten bigger as we've gotten better," Case said. "It's so encouraging to see students and people that don't go to Northwest show up and support us."

The first half started off slow for the Bearcats, only mustering three shots through the first 45 minutes.

Northwest started the game with a shot attempt by junior forward Teagan Blackburn in the 13th minute.

Later in the first half, sophomore midfielder Lucia Fernandez had a shot attempt in the 32nd minute, and junior defender Caroline Sanders had an attempt right before the half expired.

In the second half, the 'Cats started heating up.

Towards the end of the second half, the Bearcats had two shot attempts at 83:20 by Sanders and forward Linsi Mashburn.

In the 85th minute, Case and Blackburn totaled for two more attempts.

After the game, Case said it was an exciting final five minutes.

"I just heard my teammates on the sideline cheering for me, and they brought the energy, and I felt



WESLEY MILLER SPORTS EDITOR

Freshman midfielder Elaina Shromoff attempts to get to the ball for Northwest soccer over Drury junior defender Rachel Dzarnowski. Shromoff totaled 46 minutes during the Bearcats' 0-0 tie against the Panthers Aug. 28.

that on the field," Case said.

Coach Marc Gordon said Case turned up the tempo for the final minutes of the game. He said it's exciting to see what she can do.

"When Kaitlyn Case flips the switch, she can do some special things and create some chaos," Gordon said.

The Bearcats ended the game with a total of seven shot attempts, and redshirt freshman goalkeeper Lily Ellis had four saves as the defensive match ended in a 0-0 tie.

"I tell the players that it's a lot of what's in your heart and what you are willing to do," Gordon said.

Ellis said it was a great experience for her first game at Bearcat Pitch. She said Gordon

and her teammates have helped prepare her.

"It feels amazing, this is my first collegiate game so it feels really good to just come in with a really good foundation and set the tone for the season," Ellis said.

Northwest was put to the test, as Drury came into the game as the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament reigning champions.

Sophomore defender Sydney Mueller said playing a team the caliber of the Panthers will only help the team get better for the rest of the season.

"They are a very fast, physical team, and that will be good for us moving on, playing some of our tougher conference games. It's

not the prettiest game we had, but it's something to learn from going forward," said Mueller.

Gordon said it was a long preseason after constantly being on the road for scrimmages, and it was refreshing to be back at home for a game.

"We've been on the road for all of our preseason games and the first regular season game, so it felt great to be back home in front of all the Bearcat fans on a beautiful day," Gordon said.

Next for the Bearcats is another home game at 3 p.m. Sept. 1 against the Missouri-St. Louis Tritons at Bearcat Pitch.



DANIE PARRIOTT PHOTOGRAPHER

Northwest football senior quarterback Mike Hohensee drops back before passing the ball to wide receivers during the Green and White Scrimmage. The Bearcats have won 12 straight games at Bearcat Stadium and are 20-2 at home under coach Rich Wright.

Northwest football set for season opener at home

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Inside Maryville’s Pizza Ranch, Northwest Athletics hosted its first media luncheon of the fall semester Aug. 30.

With the room packed full of coaches, athletes and reporters, Northwest football coach Rich Wright made sure to sit on the end of the middle table. For the sixth-year coach, it was more than just a seat.

It was a tradition of his, Wright said, and he always sits in the same chair at the start of the season.

For Wright and his players, the start of the season is finally here.

“It’s a big football game,” Wright said.

No. 2 Northwest will not only start its season, but also its home schedule, against MIAA foe Fort Hays State.

Meeting the Tigers to begin the season is nothing new for the Bearcats after starting the 2021 campaign against Fort Hays. Northwest escaped with the hard-fought 15-7 win Sept. 2, 2021, over Fort Hays.

The Bearcats had to travel to start the season in 2021, but they’ll have the home field advantage this time.

Senior defensive lineman Elijah Green, whom Wright brought to the luncheon, said it’s going to feel great

to be in front of the home crowd to kick off the season.

“It’s always going to be electric,” Green said. “The first game is so exciting, especially against a great team like Fort Hays. We’re all excited. I know my mom has front row seat tickets, and she’ll be yelling as loud as she can. You’ll probably be able to hear her voice — only — on third down.”

“The first game is so exciting, especially against a great team like Fort Hays.”

-ELIJAH GREEN
SENIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

History will be on the Bearcats’ side in more ways than one for their first game.

Northwest has won 10 consecutive season openers, with its last loss in the first game of the regular season being Sept. 2, 2010 against then-No. 14 Texas A&M-Kingsville.

Aside from the success at

the beginning of the season for Northwest, playing inside Bearcat Stadium generally bares well for the home team. The Bearcats have an active win streak of 12 home games — the longest active home win streak in Division II. Northwest is also 20-2 at home during the Wright era.

While home games can be exciting for the team, Green said there’s no additional pressure, even for younger players, regardless of the location.

“Our preparation is always the same, so there’s no alleviated or added pressure,” Green said.

Northwest’s preparation for this week will go into defeating Fort Hays. The two teams have played in close games over recent years, with the past four games between the two squads ending in a one-score game.

Wright said part of what makes the Tigers so good and keeps the contests so close is Fort Hays’ physicality.

“They’re a dynamic football team,” Wright said. “I don’t look so much at wins and the losses, I look at what the point margins were in those losses (in 2021). They were in every one of those games, and I think they’re expecting to bounce back, so we’re gonna get tested.”

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Northwest volleyball finishes tournament undefeated

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While No. 10 Northwest volleyball was 10 hours away from home, the Bearcats were seemingly right at home in the Britkare Lady Buff Classic. The Bearcats went 4-0 for the tournament, only dropping one set.

“You know, our first ball touch was taken care of, and we’re pretty scrappy on defense,” coach Amy Woerth said. “So I think the combination of those three things helped us become a hard team to defeat.”

The Bearcats started the weekend with a bang on Aug. 26 as they beat Saint Mary’s (0-4) 3-0, outscoring the Rattlers 56-31 in the match.

The dominance continued against Adams State (1-3) as Northwest swept the Grizzlies. The Bearcats got another sweep against UC Colorado Springs (2-3) the next day.

The last match of the weekend was a heavyweight bout against the host, No. 12. West Texas A&M (3-1). Northwest started the match hot with a 1-0 lead that eventually led to a 25-16 win in the first set. The Buffs woke up after that, losing the second set by only 3 points, 22-25.

The third set was what a game between two top teams would normally look like, neither team was willing to give an inch. Due to a 3-0 scoring run, the Buffs came out on top in the third set 29-27.

The fourth set was another back-and-forth battle, with both teams doing what they could to prove their preseason rankings. This set ended with the ‘Cats on top 25-22, giving Northwest a 4-0 record for the tournament and the tournament title.

Woerth was happy to see the team’s hard work and high-level play result in winning four matches.

“I think their atmosphere is really neat down there,” Woerth said. Three Bearcats received all-tournament honors: junior right side Jaden Ferguson, sophomore outside hitter Payton Kirchhoefer and junior setter Alyssa Rezac.

Kirchhoefer was selected as the tournament MVP, and Rezac was later recognized as the MIAA setter of the week on Aug. 29.

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‘Hounds search for first win against Wildcats

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A familiar story was told on Aug. 26 as Maryville football (0-1) lost to Blair Oaks (1-0) for the sixth consecutive time.

After the first half, Maryville found itself down 34-14. Things didn’t get better for the Spoofhounds and with five minutes left in the third quarter, Blair Oaks added another touchdown 42-21.

The Spoofhounds scratched and clawed to make a comeback in the game after falling down by 21, and they managed to get within one score multiple times.

However, the comeback fell short, and the Spoofhounds lost 54-42 to the Falcons.

Coach Matt Webb is happy with his team even through a loss

because there are a lot of positives that came from this game.

“Well, I’m a firm believer in that you make the most improvement in any season, regardless of what level of football you play, between Week 1 and Week 2 because you have good film,” Webb said. So you have the players’ attention this week to fix the mistakes we made from the first game to hopefully not commit those same mistakes in the second.”

Webb added that the team did a lot of good things against Blair Oaks but made a lot of mistakes that the Spoofhounds need to improve on.

The next challenge for Maryville is Harrisonville (0-1). Harrisonville lost to Mary

Institute Country Day School — a team that lost one game in 2021 to the eventual Missouri Class 4 State Champions, Smithville.

Both teams might be without a win, but the Spoofhounds are looking to change that in Week 2. Senior running back Drew Burns said he knows the team needs to make adjustments, keep the effort up in practice and execute the game plan in order to beat Harrisonville.

Last year, the Wildcats stunned the Spoofhounds 28-20 in Week 2 of the season.

Webb said he is very aware of what Harrisonville is capable of.

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Maryville senior running back Caden Stoecklein runs toward the end zone during the Spoofhounds’ 54-42 loss to Blair Oaks Aug. 26. The Spoofhounds will be at the Hound Pound for the first time in 2022 for their game against Harrisonville Sept. 2.



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